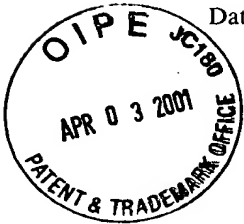


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as follows:

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Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This application is a national phase of PCT/FR99/01119 which was filed on May 11, 1999  
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